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Hindi Salahakar Samiti in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

3167. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) when was the Hindi Salahakar Samiti re-constituted recently in the Ministry;
- (b) the number of sittings of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the efforts made to conduct meetings regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports became a Ministry on 27.5.2000. Prior to this, it was called as Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, once as a part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and subsequently as a part of Ministry of Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports. The Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was re-constituted on 14.9.2000. No meeting of the Samiti has been held during the last three years either as a Department or as Ministry.

Non-Sporting events in SAI stadia

3168. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a finance committee in 1986 mooted the idea to rent out the Sports Authority of India (SAI) stadia premises for conducting non-sporting events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have come across flouting of rules in conducting such non-sporting events; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the 24th Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) meeting held on 13th April, 1993 had decided to give free use of IG Stadium and JN Stadium for 12 days in one calender year for non-sports purposes to M/s Sentinel Consultants Pvt. Ltd. who were responsible for horticulture and maintenance of green areas in all SAI stadia at no cost to SAI. Further, a special meeting of the Finance Committee of SAI was held on 11.10.1996 to discuss on critical financial situation of SAI. It was mooted in this meeting to remove the restriction on giving out stadia for non-sports purposes in order to generate more revenue. Thereafter, the unutilised and under-utilised areas are being used for Sports/Non Sports purposes on a commercial basis in order to augment resources.

During the last three years revenue generated by SAI from sports/non-sports events, rentals and from Pay & Play Scheme is as follows:—

(i) 1998-1999	Rs. 15,29,17,235.00
(ii) 1999-2000	Rs. 19,35,15,308.00
(iii) 2000-2001 (upto Jan., 2001)	Rs. 12,63,00,000.00

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 O'Clock.

The House then adjourned at six minutes past eleven of the clock.